



Membership Application

To join the **AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities**
and the **World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities**

- If you have questions while completing this form, please email livable@aarp.org
- If you need additional space for answering the questions you may add an additional sheet of paper

Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE: 3/20/2019

NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: Jefferson County

STATE: Colorado

POPULATION SIZE: 574,613

PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: 16.1 (Age 65+)

NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: Libby Szabo, Chair, Board of County Commissioners

OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: 100 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden CO 80419

Section 2: COMMUNITY CONTACT for the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities

- The community contact is the local staff member or volunteer who is primarily responsible for carrying out the community-level work — it is not the responsible AARP staff member.

[Redacted contact information]

Please describe the named person's role in the city or community's age-friendly initiative:

Karin Stewart is a program manager within Jefferson County Human Services. She is currently the project coordinator for Aging Well Jefferson County. Karin, along with other key stakeholders, will coordinate the efforts of Jefferson County as we move forward with our Age-Friendly designation, including submitting this application to AARP, coordinating the media and outreach of this new designation, coordinating the efforts for member and volunteer recruitment/engagement and organizing the initial meeting of stakeholders.

The person named above agrees to be subscribed to the [AARP Livable Communities Weekly e-Newsletter](#), which is one of the primary ways we share useful news and resources. To add additional subscribers, type their names and email addresses into below. Once this application is processed, a subscription confirmation message will be sent so the individual can confirm that they want to subscribe. To subscribe today, follow the link above or visit AARP.org/Livable-Subscribe.

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Section 3: COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, ENGAGEMENTS and COLLABORATIONS

1) Please provide a brief summary of the community policies, programs and services that are targeted toward older people and how the community plans to become more age-friendly.

Please see attached sheet for response

2) How will the community engage and involve older people in the process of becoming a more age-friendly?

Through our established networks with Aging Well, Triad, and Jefferson County Council on Aging, we already have many older members who actively participate and represent the voice of those who are aging in Jefferson County. We will develop a strategy to recruit more older adults, from a variety of socioeconomic situations and from various areas throughout the county, including urban and rural areas. Each of these groups are concerned with promoting the well-being and safety of older adults as they age so that they can remain in the communities where they live. These groups also try to interact with County Commissioners and elected State of Colorado Representatives and Senators to raise issues of importance for older adults and promote resolutions and statutes that assist older adults to age-in-place.

3) Briefly describe the mechanisms the community has or is planning to put in place to facilitate collaborative planning and implementation between different agencies and departments.

It is a gift that agencies within Jefferson County that are involved in some manner with older adults and their well-being, work well together and collaborate without some of the typical 'turf wars.' The initiative to see Jefferson County recognized as a Lifelong Community is being promoted in union with both the Jefferson County Human Services Aging Well Project and The Jefferson County Council on Aging. There are many 'cross-over' members, people who are serving both groups.

Section 4: NETWORK MEMBERSHIP

- Your answers to the following questions will help us complete your membership in the global age-friendly network and better enable us to understand how to support the network.

4) How do you hope to contribute to the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities?

We are open to sharing any programs, best practices, or innovative projects that have been created by groups in Jefferson County for the best welfare of older adults. We will try to keep up-to-date with any initiatives or promotional programs that AARP adds to the Lifelong Communities movement and promote those within Jefferson County.

5) What motivated your community to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities?

Jefferson County is highly proactive as concerns the issues older adults are facing. For the last decade, major efforts have been made to allow for older adults to age-in-place and to shine a light on the needs of the aging community. Becoming a Lifelong Community is the formal and public attachment of a designation that is already true of Jefferson County. We want to be recognized and associated with those who are promoting the best for our older adult population.

6) Provide a digital file or link of a logo or other image that represents your community and for which you have reprint rights. The image resolution should be at least 72 dpi. As an example of an image, here's ours:

<https://www.jeffco.us/DocumentCenter/View/9683/County-logo-vertical-stacked?bidId=>

